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[Following subject's interview, DEL TORO was briefed orally on September 7, 1966, on the results of the interview. DEL TORO also advised his office would ask U. S. Customs to cancel any possible action against subject on the basis of the warrant outstanding since 1954. It was later determined Customs was attempting to have the action against DUARTE nol-prossed. (u)]

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However, he admitted he never led any actions in the field and was not present when several skirmishes occurred. DUARTE apparently wishes to be known for his great writings. He claims to be an economist. He exaggerates the effect of his efforts.

On November 16, 1966, STANLEY SCHACHTER, U. S. Customs Agency Service, Miami, advised the U. S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York was very slow in obtaining court action; therefore, he was not sure when the nol pros action against DUARTE might be consummated. He had attempted to expedite this matter through his New York Office but without success.

Therefore, this case is being closed as all investigation has been completed.

Copies have been sent to Los Angeles and Atlanta so they will be aware of the background of DUARTE and the fact that he entered the United States on the Cuban Airlift with the permission of both the Cuban and the United States Governments.

DUARTE stated he does not desire to work with CIA in Brazil or elsewhere as he feels the CIA has lost its prestige. CIA, according to [DAN WAGES] Miami, is not interested in using DUARTE. (S)

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